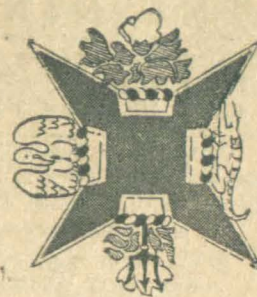




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## Maneuver Begins With 18,000 Men Ready For Action

The Dixie Division starts on the second part of its greatest test to date on Monday when more than 18,000 soldiers participated in an extensive tactical program. Having successfully made a sixty-mile march to the Ocala National Forest, followed by a celebration of the Fourth of July holiday, the tested—and now rested—troops are ready for their two-day maneuver which starts at 3:30 P. M. on Monday afternoon and terminates at an undisclosed hour on Tuesday.

The troops will bivouac in the vicinity where the maneuver ends and start the trek back to Camp on Wednesday. The maneuver area is 2 1-2 miles wide by 10 miles long and will find the 62nd Brigade Combat Team, the red forces, pitted against the 61st Brigade Combat Team with the 114th Field Artillery attached, the blue forces. The Division troops and the umpires will carry white colors.

The exercise is under divisional control, and the officials are to be: Major General John C. Persons, director; Lt. Col. Joseph L. Peterson, chief umpire; Lt. Col. P. S. Pugh, assistant chief umpire; Major R. H. Dawson, chief umpire (Blue); Major F. W. Bradshaw and Lt. Col. W. E. Roberts (Artillery); assistant chief umpires (Blue); Major H. P. Nathan, chief umpire (Red); Major O. L. DuPre and Captain J. G. Schaffer (Artillery), assistant chief umpires (Red).

The problem itself will be revealed to the contending forces shortly before the commencement of the exercise, and the 118th Observation Squadron, of Jacksonville, will participate with a flight of three planes. Some time next week a critique of the problem will be held.

This marks another test of the Division's officers and men to co-ordinate their training and abilities, perhaps the last maneuver before the long trek to Louisiana commences in late July or early August.

## Walking Private Accumulates Gum

Private John C. Reed, Headquarters detachment, 3rd Battalion, 167th Infantry has walked mile after mile on city pavements during the past several years and he can't remember when he was annoyed by stepping on a wad of chewing gum. He had hardly stepped in the bivouac area Monday night, however, before he began to feel his shoe sticking to everything he walked on. It was demon chewing gum.

Incidentally Private Reed gave this reporter an interesting answer to his query:

"How do you feel this morning?"

"I'm all tired out," Reed said. "I'm simply exhausted from dodging those mammoth mosquitoes last night."

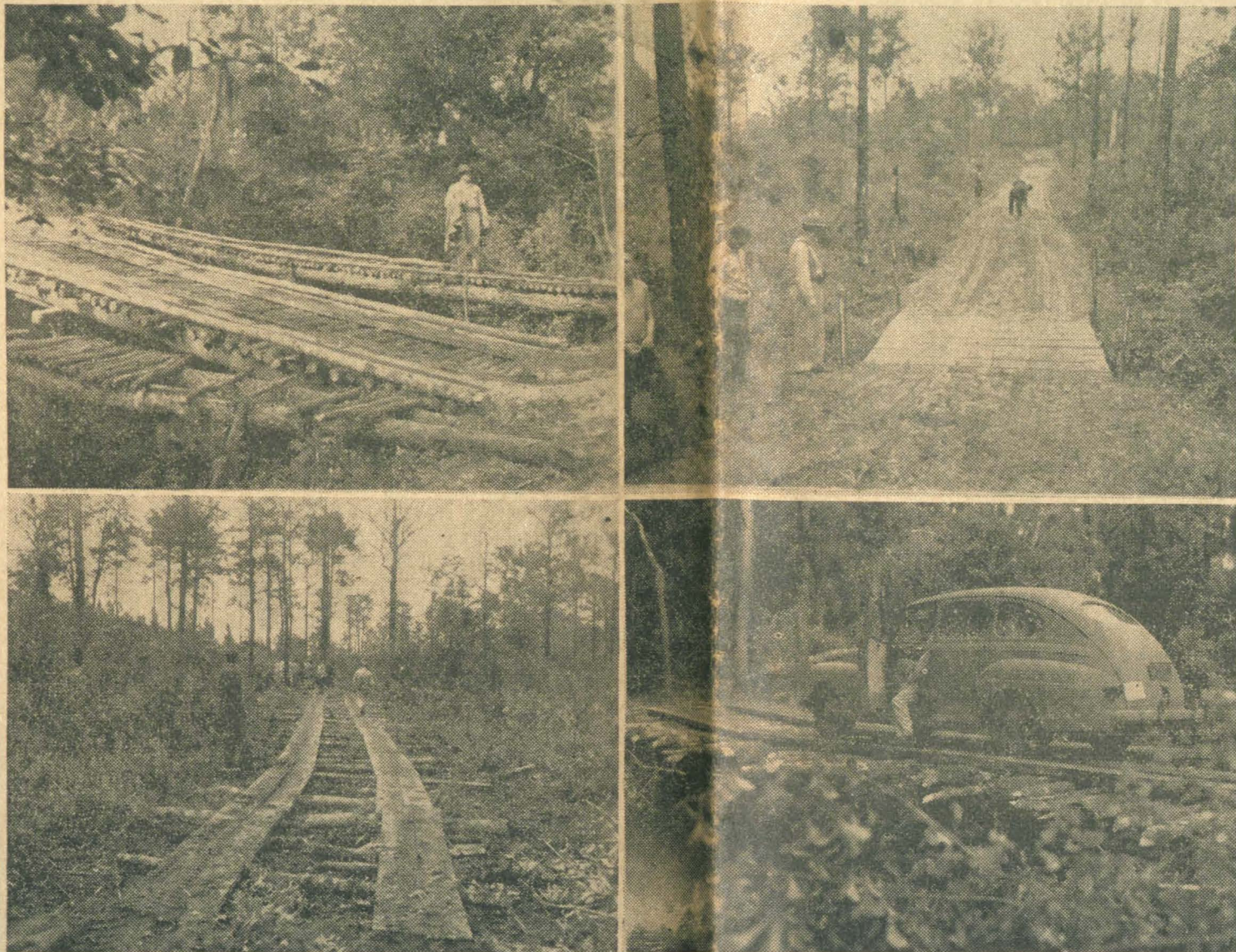
## First Regimental Dance For Ala. Artillerymen

The 117th Field Artillery regiment will have its first dance Tuesday night, July 15th, at the Division Hostess House. Girls from neighboring cities will be brought to the dance as guests of the soldiers. The regimental swing orchestra will furnish music for the affair. Non-commissioned officers in charge of recreation will be in charge of arrangements. Decorations will be supervised by Corp. Andrews, Headquarters, 2nd Bn. Several busses have been chartered to transport the young ladies to the dance.

## Promotion

Staff sergeant Joe W. Pickett, Headquarters company, 167th Infantry was promoted to rank of Technical sergeant July first, it was announced this week. Sgt. Pickett lives at 100 E. 5th St., Montgomery, Alabama.

## They Paved The Way



Shown above are the works of engineer troops invaluable complement to combat troops. These soldiers construct bridges from timbers they cut from the banks of the streams they bridge, build and rebuild roads torn up repeatedly by heavy trucks and guns. The short times they require to cut a road through dense undergrowth or to bridge a stream are unbelievable.

## Dixie Men Get First Field Pay On Ocala March

For the first time since mobilization in November, members of the Dixie Division were paid away from Camp Blanding when the Finance Department on Thursday distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to the more than 18,000 men encamped near Lake Kerr in the Ocala National Forest, a preview of the paydays to come until maneuvers are over. Regimental commanders also forwarded pay to the men left at Camp.

The money was drawn from the Federal Reserve Bank in Jacksonville in the morning and conveyed to the Finance Department's tents in the Division's Headquarters bivouac area, from which the regimental and battalion commanders drew the monies for their respective organizations. Throughout the afternoon the men drew their pay in their bivouac sections, and later in the day many of them left for Ocala, Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach, Fort Myers and other Florida cities to give the cities the greatest spending spree of soldiers they had ever seen.

Lt. Colonel J. F. Cogdell, Finance Officer for the Division, was in charge of the payroll disbursements, aided by Captain T. L. Crane, assistant, and Lt. Col. C. G. Metcalfe and a staff of 20 clerks.

## Soldiers Turn Girls Over to M. P.'s

Members of the 155th Infantry who attended the regimental dance in the 31st Division Service Club Friday night have a slight grievance against the Military Police.

The dance was in full swing when the Division alert was sounded. The affair was suddenly stopped, and the young ladies who had come as partners, coupled with the military police. The plan was that the Soldier Corps were to pinch hit until the Mississippians returned from the emergency call. Theoretically the idea was good, but when the Mississippi soldiers came back, many of the M. P.'s were reluctant to give up their partners.

## FROM YOUR GENERAL

"I am proud of the outstanding job which the troops achieved on this march," said Major John C. Persons, commanding officer of the 31st Division, as he reached the bivouac area with the Dixie soldiers at the end of their 60-mile trek.

"The men proved themselves toughened and seasoned by the gradual training process they have undergone and that they can do anything required of them. It was gratifying to see the way the commissioned and non-commissioned officers carried on with their men, in some instances helping them by carrying their packs and bolstering them when fatigued. I believe the entire Division distinguished itself in this exercise and that its performance exceeds all expectations."

## Army Slango

Add Army Slang: an "Elmer," a goldbrick, introduced by Headquarters Company, 156th Infantry, from New Orleans where "Elmer's Goldbrick" is one of the leading confections.

## 155th Medicos Beat 156th Team

Medical Detachment of the 155th Regiment continued its winning streak against outside competition last Sunday when they defeated the unbeaten Company I of the 156th Regiment 2-1 in a tight game. Dan McLeod and Hanson led the batting with two hits each. So far the men from Mississippi have not bowed to any club in the division. They are open for games.

## Where There's A Land There's A Way—Sort Of

Pvt. Edmund Land, reporter for the 156th Infantry Regiment has succumbed to the army practice of completing details through channels. Recently Land wished to make a call from Starke early in the morning. He vainly tried to raise the operator by clicking the receiver up and down. This did not work so Land in desperation went to the telephone office, awakened the operator, came back to the office and made the call in the usual manner.

## CAMP BLANDING VISITED BY MIAMI BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB

Thirty-five members of the Breakfast Club, comprising prominent Miami business men, made a two-day inspection of Camp Blanding and the 31st Division Sunday and Monday, coming here by chartered bus and following the troops into the bivouac area on Monday. Members of Radio Stations WIOD and WQAM were in the delegation, as was Jack Bell, noted Miami newspaper columnist.

The Magic City tourists were guests of Major Robert H. Givens, Jr., Miami attorney, now assistant Plans and Training Officer of the 56th Brigade, and other officers, including Brigadier General Sumter L. Lowry, Jr., commander of the 56th and Colonel Homer W. Hesterly, commander of the 116th Field Artillery. They also visited with the 124th Infantry, which has many Miami soldiers on its roster.

Te "nine o'clock men" stood reveille with the soldiers Monday morning at 5:30 a.m. an denjoyed breakfast at 5:45. They accompanied the troops as far as Santa Fe Lake, twenty miles from Blanding, and marveled at

## Big Plans For Week-End In Nearby Towns

Before leaving for their holiday week-end, units of the Dixie Division participated in patriotic ceremonies on Independence Day at Ocala, Daytona Beach, Fort Myers, and Tampa.

A detachment of 2,500 foot troops from the 124th (Florida) members of the 116th (Florida) Infantry and 1,100 motorized Field Artillery, staged a military parade at Ocala. Arrangements for the affair were made by Brig. Gen. Sumter L. Lowry, Jr., commander of the Field Artillery Brigade, Brig. General Joseph Hutchinson, commander of the 62nd Brigade, Lt. Col. C. A. Rowlett, acting commander of the 124th Infantry, and Col. Homer W. Hesterly, commander of the 116th F. A.

Major General John C. Persons attended the ceremonies at Ocala and then spent the rest of the week-end travelling to Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach and other cities visited by the soldiers to oversee their recreational activities. Other officers of the Division also went along with the troops to see that they enjoyed themselves.

The members of the 116th F. A., many of whom are from Tampa, were conveyed to that city following the Ocala parade to take part in a parade in that city.

At Daytona Beach a thousand men of the group conveyed there marched in a flag-raising ceremony. Lt. Col. T. B. Birdsong, commanding officer of the 155th (Mississippi) Infantry, was in

## Sgt. Plants Flowers Now Has Reward

Mess Sergeant Leon T. Starling of Battery F, 117th Field Artillery took a lot of ribbing two months ago when he started planting flowers around the battery area. Now the sergeant is the recipient of many a nice word and compliment because his work has netted one of the most beautiful battery areas in Camp. The flowers bloom beautifully now. The most skeptical pause and say "not bad."

## Division On Top With Flying Colors

### Today Finds The 31st Division Encamped In Forest Area After Grueling March

(By Corporal Charles D. Pou)

The Dixie Division did their job as men. They came through the test of fire intact. Along the shores of Lake Kerr, deep in Ocala National Forest, a miniature city has sprung up where only a few scattered houses had been Wednesday. Almost fifty percent of Camp Blanding has been transferred to this isolated spot.

## Post Exchanges Follow Soldiers On Ocala Trip

The trek to the Ocala Forest this week was an exercise for the Post Exchange as well as for the regular troops, since it was a preview of how Lt. Colonel Waldo Willis' organization will function in Louisiana—and the PX emulated the troops in passing the test with flying colors. Eleven units were set up in each overnight bivouac area and at the maneuver scene, and the PXes saw to it that the men had their fill of cigarettes, cigars, soda pop, milk, candy, crackers and toilet needs.

An average day for the Exchange meant a volume of \$1,500 in business and after the pay roll was met, the "take" quadrupled. The PX also co-operated with the men by having \$15,000 in change ready for the men with their ten dollar bills and also kept open from 9:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.

The success of the PX plan on the Ocala exercise was due to careful planning by Col. Wallis and his aides, Major Stanhope C. Smith of the 116th Field Artillery and William Gunter Watson, 31st Division PX Stewart. The Post Exchange is now operated almost entirely by enlisted men, one non-com and five privates being assigned to each regimental canteen.

Col. Willis has announced that next week the books will be audited and a meeting of the Division Exchange Council will be held for the purpose of distributing any profits from the operation of the PXes to date.

## Ten Pound Catch Flaunted By Sgt.

Sergeant P. C. O'Quinn of Battery F, 116th Field Artillery, was the envy of two regiments when he paraded across the 155th and 16th Field Artillery bivouac areas with a ten pound small mouth bass he caught in Santa Fe Lake Monday afternoon. Officers and enlisted men alike, who are devotees of the rod, and reel claimed it was one of the largest small mouth bass they had seen taken from local fresh water. Sgt. O'Quinn caught the finny beauty on a Pluggers spoon baited with salt pork.

## Infantrymen Too, Deal In Bridge

Popular games in the 124th Infantry ranks while on the march or while resting, were rummy and bridge. Of course the boys did plenty of swimming in the lakes where bivouac areas were. Many soldiers of this outfit used home-made hammocks for sleeping purposes while on the move and after arriving at the bivouac area in the National Forest near Ocala.

## Boxing Tournament Scheduled For 117th

The 117th Field Artillery will begin a boxing tournament on July 14th. Several weight class eliminations will be staged and grand winner will be given a complete boxing uniform, including shoes, silk robe, etc. Sergeant John Gillis, of Headquarters Battery, 1st Bn. will be in charge of the fights.

Over ten thousand men set out on foot to reach a goal. Only six men failed to reach the final bivouac under their own power. The march was attributed to the previous conditioning program and the gradual building up process for our southern division. It was a visible story of determination.

Through sand and over broken ground, the men of the 31st marched twenty sweltering miles a day under full pack. They accepted a challenge and won. Now they have taken their homes with them and set up a livable city in a wilderness.

Before the troops rode the engineers, building roads, repairing bridges and clearing underbrush. Beaches were built, sanitary conditions assured and plenty of drinking water provided. On the lake shore a set of giant pumps suck 3,600 gallons of water an hour into purifiers.

As the division devotes the week-end to relaxation, spending approximately one million dollars of payroll, staff officers plan for the battle scheduled to begin Monday. It will find the 61st brigade combat team facing the 62nd brigade combat team.

The march, the camp and the simulated war are full dress rehearsals for the fifty days to be spent in the Louisiana lowland. The division had a full taste of what to expect when they enter the big games.

The artillery made the trip by broken stages, bivouac each night, and following the roads which led them to a common bivouac area with other units of the 31st. Medical companies and ambulance details worked at all times to assure sufficient medical attention.

A constant stream of quartermaster trucks kept an unbroken supply line of food to the moving division. Each small unit had an assignment; each outfit darted out that assignment.

## Mississippi Teeth Being Cared For

Dentists of the 155th Infantry regiment report that they are gradually improving the condition of the men's teeth in the organization. The report for last month showed that more than 100 teeth had been extracted and more than 50 treatments given in a 31 day period.

According to Doctors William H. and Lemar Smith, teeth are classified in four groups. Those who have the poorest teeth are given immediate treatment in order to place them in a better classification. By the end of the year men will leave the service with teeth in better condition than when they entered.

## Artilleryman Learns About Knocking on Door

Private Tillery of Battery A, 117th Field Artillery is learning to be more cautious about yelling "come in" when someone knocks on his tent door. Recently he did this, while dressing, without giving it a thought. Investigation revealed the source of the gentle tapping was a lady, seeking information on how to find somebody.

## 117th Has Training Motion Pictures

Recently soldiers of the 117th Field Artillery enjoyed a series of motion pictures pertaining to activities of the field artillery in general. The pictures were shown in the regimental recreation hall and played to a capacity audience.



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THE ENGINEERS

One of those elements of a division whose work, gigantic though it is, is strangely something "you can't put your finger on" proved its worth and is receiving its merit, following the 60-mile trek to the Ocala National Forest this week. We are referring to the engineers. In this case, the 106th Engineers.

They are fellows who go about their business—building bridges, making roads, surveying swamplands and the like—quietly enough. No big firing of guns, no parades as a rule, especially premissuous waving of the flag. Their job usually takes them way down in the woods too deep for that—to places where it can't be seen by the public, nor by many of the soldiers.

Well, this week their work was recognized and gratefully acknowledged by a unit who needed aid; admitted by another division element, incidentally, which perhaps doesn't get their due: the infantry. As one service for the boys who plodded twenty miles each day and wouldn't say quit, sanded beaches were prepared for each night's bivouac. The engineers did this. The intangible, the unseen work in the deep woods, became something of a service. Something homey. It cooled those infantrymen's feet, that lake water, made accessible by the engineers.

And all along the way they made things easy. Just as in war they go ahead, build the bridges at the risk of their lives to make victory a little easier. The unseen, or perhaps better the usually unappreciated, became evident. Even at the final encampment scene they left their mark; for one thing, the pier on Kerr Lake. This along with the numerous bridges, the roads cut through the marshes, the minute surveying that went on weeks before.

They aren't glamour boys, either, the engineers or the infantry, but every now and then their mettle comes to light. This week was one of them.

As Band Plays  
Infantry Steps

There was a snap in their step and a gleam in their eye when Lt. Col. James Webb, Major Charlton Ragsdale, Capt. Ollie Mabry and 1st Lt. James Wall marched through victory-mad thousands on Broadway in 1918 and they were proud to be marching with the 167th Infantry.

They had the same snap, the same gleam and they were proud again Thursday as they led today's 167th Inf., and the Dixie Division into bivouac on Lake Kerr in Ocala National Forest. They were proud of the troops who came behind them—troops weary from three days of marching yet who marched to the stirring band music much as their fathers and elder relatives had marched on Broadway.

Col. Webb, commanding the regiment, could hardly contain himself. He was proud of his boys and he showed it. Capt. Mabry, 3rd Bn., executive officer, forgot he was tired, his sparkling wit indicating his pleasure. Major Ragsdale, commanding 3rd Bn., wore his usual reserve but his delight was unmistakable. Lt. Wall, 3rd Bn., adjutant, was also proud—as proud as he was when Corp. Jimmy Wall was cited for bravery in France.

Other 167th officers and veterans were equally proud of their men as the subsequent battalions marched in but Col. Webb and

156th Company Gains  
Three Men Enroute

Many of the companies of the Thirty-First Division's four infantry regiments are proud of the fact that they made the 60-mile march to Ocala National Forest without a casualty along the route . . . but Co. F, 156th Inf., can boast of a better record than that. It came into the Lake Kerr bivouac area with three more men than it had when the company left Camp Blanding.

Pvts. John T. Fontenot, Allen LeFleur and Amelca Chapman, all of whom had been AWOL joined the unit on the last leg of the hike and marched into the bivouac area along with the other men.

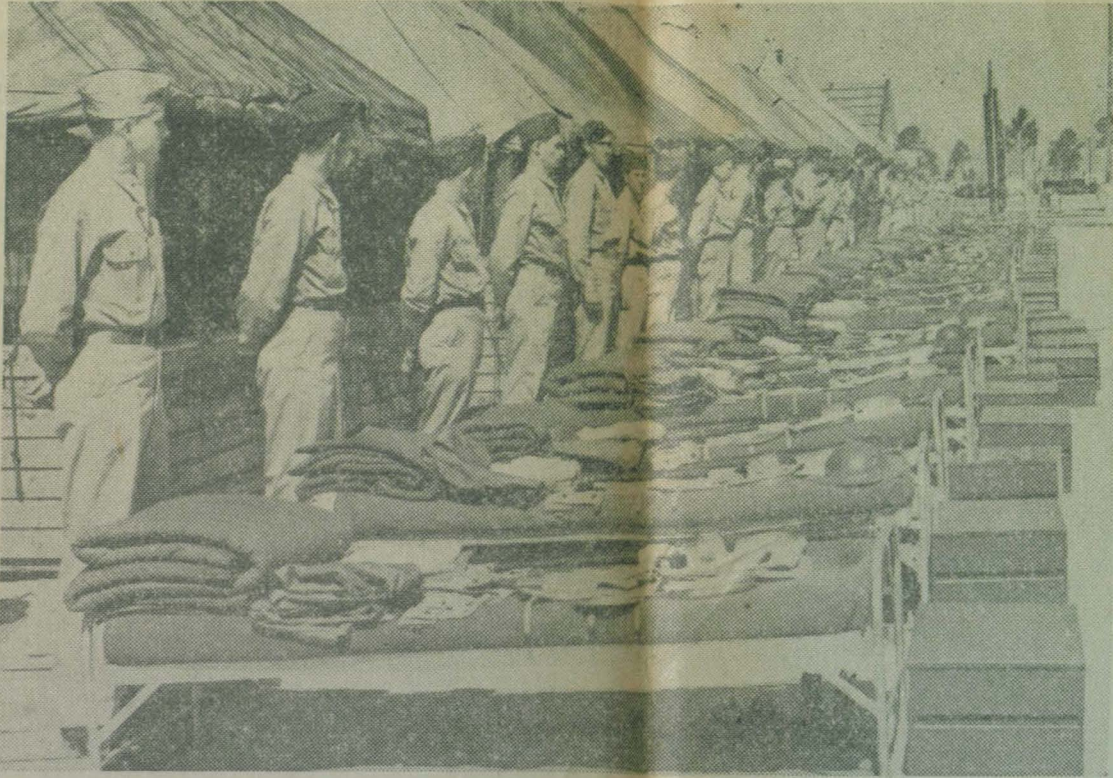
Their reward for the act of loyalty to their company was to be assigned to K. P. duty for the week-end.

Postmaster At Orange  
Springs Performs

An interesting sidelight on the Ocala march was supplied by Postmaster Rast of Orange Springs, Fla., upon whose property the troops bivouaced Tuesday night. Mr. Rast not only stood in the middle of the street in Orange Springs to take letters the men wished mailed but cut a few fancy steps for the men as they passed receiving enthusiastic applause and cheers.

the other officers leading the column seemed to radiate the Fourth of July Spirit—the modern "Spirit of '76."

JUST A HABIT



Just to show what the army can do to a man in the way of neatness, Company K, 167th Infantry lines up equipment to await the inspecting officer. It isn't a special occasion, this is just the usual Saturday inspection.

Formal Dance For  
Officers In Middle  
Of Huge Forest

Resplendent in white uniforms, the officers of the 167th Infantry celebrated Independence Day in the depths of Ocala National Forest with a formal dance.

The function was held on a 1280 square foot, portable dance floor transported by commercial vehicle to the forest for that purpose. Music was supplied by a dance orchestra from the personnel of the 167th Infantry band with Staff sergeant "Sunshine" Franklin directing and supplying the vocals.

Wives of the officers and other guests including nurses from the Station Hospital attended.

Like To Sing  
So They Sing

The boys in Company E, 167th Inf., like to sing so they've formed a glee club of more than twenty-five voices under the leadership of Sgt. Richard Stone. The glee-club entertained their company in bivouac area Tuesday night.

Company H, 167th,  
Receives Citation

1st Lt. Sam Williams, Mess Sgt. Cunner Stokes and the whole of Company H, 167th Inf., were justifiably proud of a recently received commendation from the regimental commander, Lt. Col. James Webb.

Col. Webb expressed his pleasure of the excellent manner in which that company handled the procurement of food, disposal of garbage and especially their march discipline. Sgt. Stokes takes great pride in setting his officer's table in the field using a white table cloth and all the trimmings of a banquet table.

He Wants To Know  
Price of A Blanket

Next time he is sent on a mission, Private Ernest Bryers of Company D of the 106th Medical regiment is going to inquire as to his directions. Asked to ascertain the price of a blanket, Private Bryers went to the quartermaster supply depot instead of to his headquarters and service quartermaster right across the street from his tent. At any rate, Bryers wound up at one of the warehouses way out past the stockade, about three miles from his quarters. He missed his noon-time meal too.

Letters From Son  
Remind Him Too

No matter where Captain Joseph George Damiens of the 106th Medicos goes, he's reminded of camp by his son back in New Orleans. When little Damiens writes a letter to his dad, all over the envelopes and letter-heads are paintings of camp life. Damiens, Jr., does nice sketch work, too.

Soundest Sleeper  
Proves His Merit

Lt. James R. Duren, Company D, 167th Inf., was much put out Tuesday morning at numerous queries as to when he started chewing tobacco. He roused from a sound sleep that morning to discover his jaw puffed up from insect bites which nominated him for the soundest sleeper in the regiment.

Anti-Tank Sgt. Retires

Sgt. Hugh D. Putnam of Anti-tank Company, 155th Infantry left this week for his home in Clarkdale, Miss., after a continuous enlistment of 13 years in the National Guard.

155th Troops  
Danced in Ocala

Men of the 155th Infantry regiment cheered lustily when they were told Monday night that a dance had been arranged for them in Ocala Saturday night. The woods resounded when the men heard that there would be three hundred girls at the affair. The price of admission was to be the displaying of the regimental insignia.

156th Non-Com Rescues  
Drowning Soldier

What might have been the Division's only casualty on the week's hike to Ocala National Forest was prevented by the quick-thinking and heroic effort of a 156th Infantry non-commissioned officer Tuesday morning. Corp. Ewell Breaux of the 3rd Battalion Section, Headquarters Co., dove into the waters of Skinner Lake to save from drowning Pvt. Harold Ryan, of the same unit, after he had gone down for the second time in deep water.

Dance Given For  
Service Men

The Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board announce a dance and entertainment at the Jacksonville Jewish Center tonight. This Center is located at Third and Silver Sts. All service men are urged to attend with their dates. There is no admission charge for the affair.

Gast-Van Gilden

Lt. Donald J. Van Gilden and Miss Barbara Gast were married in a Church ceremony at the First Methodist Church in Akron, Ohio, home of the bride, on June 18th. They will make their home for the present, in Green Cove Springs. Lt. Van Gilden is dental officer of the 117th Field Artillery regiment.

Dove Mascot For  
Fighting Regiment

Although the 155th Infantry is a fighting organization it recently acquired a dove, bird of peace, as a mascot. Private Otto Davis, of Company E, caught the bird after it had been stunned by a truck as it entered the bivouac area Monday morning.

STARKE THEATRE MEMOS

Ritz Theatre  
Sunday and Monday—"Strawberry Blonde," with James Cagney and Olivia DeHavilland.

Tuesday—"Cheers for Miss Bishop," with Martha Scott and William Gargan. "The Great Mr. Nobody," with Eddie Albert and Joan Leslie.

Wednesday and Thursday—"Kitty Foyle," starring Ginger Rogers.

Friday—"Honeymoon for Three" with Ann Sheridan and George Brent.

Saturday—"Stagecoach War" featuring William Boyd.

Park Theatre  
Sunday and Monday—"Western Union."

Tuesday—"Courageous Dr. Christian."

Wednesday and Thursday—"Ghost Breakers" with Paulette Goddard and Fob Hope.

Friday—"Gallant Sons."

Saturday—"Cassidy of the Bar-20" starring Wm. Boyd. "The Cisco Kid and the Lady."

Saturday (Midnight)—"Devil Bat," with Bela Lugosi.



As per usual, the Press Section's own Private Edmund J. Land furnished a story for the week. This time he was using his head when all other methods failed. He was in the company of the Florida Times-Union's reporter, Red Kerce.

'Twas during that memorable march, when the boys of the 31st showed their stuff, that he pulled the beaut. Land was hungry. What's more, he couldn't find a friendly cook who would take pity on his plight. Summoning his grand reserve of brain power—and does he keep it in reserve—Edmund turned to the civilian reporter: "Say Red," he says, "I see a friend of mine up the way a bit and I wonder if you couldn't snap a picture of him."

"Sorry," says the reporter, "but I am fresh out of film."

Land pondered. A smile broadened his begrimed face. "That's all right," he chirps, "just act like you're taking a shot, he won't know the difference and it will make him happy."

Now it just happened that the busom chum that Land had referred to was busy cooking dinner for a company. Land eyed a pile of freshly concluded beef liver and his expression would have warned the initiated. "Say," he said, "We want a shot of you in action." Red took the shot. Land helped himself to a liver sandwich. He also made one for Red.

Again the cook struck a pose. Again a dry shot was made. Again Land made two sandwiches. The cook was all grins. This was publicity.

We could continue indefinitely, but so could Land. He finally decided that Red was doing too much damage to his camera from merely clicking it, so choking down his seventh sandwich, our hero departed, promising the beaming chef that at least twenty papers would carry some of the shots.

Boy! Speaking of soldiers. Our 106th Engineers deserve the gold lined something or other. Those boys have what it takes—and it takes plenty to do their job. And the infantry certainly deserves a large portion of pats on the back.

They did more than was expected when they came into bivouac Wednesday with almost every man who started still on his feet. They were in condition and they took a heck of a lot of punishment without a lot of whining.

We hear of the importance of armored forces and of planes but they'll never get away from the foot soldier when the trouble comes in bunches. The man with the rifle has to do the dirty work, and no one who saw that three days from Blanding to Lake Kerr can think that these southerners are lacking in what the boys sometimes call guts.

Funny—the engineers never get the credit they deserve. They carry rifles. Sure they're supposed to be fighting men, and there are numerous instances where they had to act as their own covering units. But they work while others rest. Those beaches, bridges, roads clear of underbrush and countless other conveniences never noticed during a ride didn't just happen. They took days and nights of work.

This writer learned one thing. An army doesn't only move on its stomach—a large part of it is moistened by the sweat of the engineers—and the sheer doggedness of the man with the pack and the sore feet. It makes a guy sort of proud to even be in the same outfit with men like that.

We haven't figured it out yet, but as the Press Section was headed into town to make up the "Dixie," the car passed a soldier trudging along a muddy road. He was at least ten miles from any pavement. Around his neck was tied a pair of roller skates.

And about Staff Sgt. Charles E. Hughes, Anti-Tank Co., 155th. The dentist says: "Sergeant, you had better stop chewing tobacco, you'll ruin your teeth." The non-com merely looked solemn, reached in his mouth and held out a sparkling pair of store bought chewers.

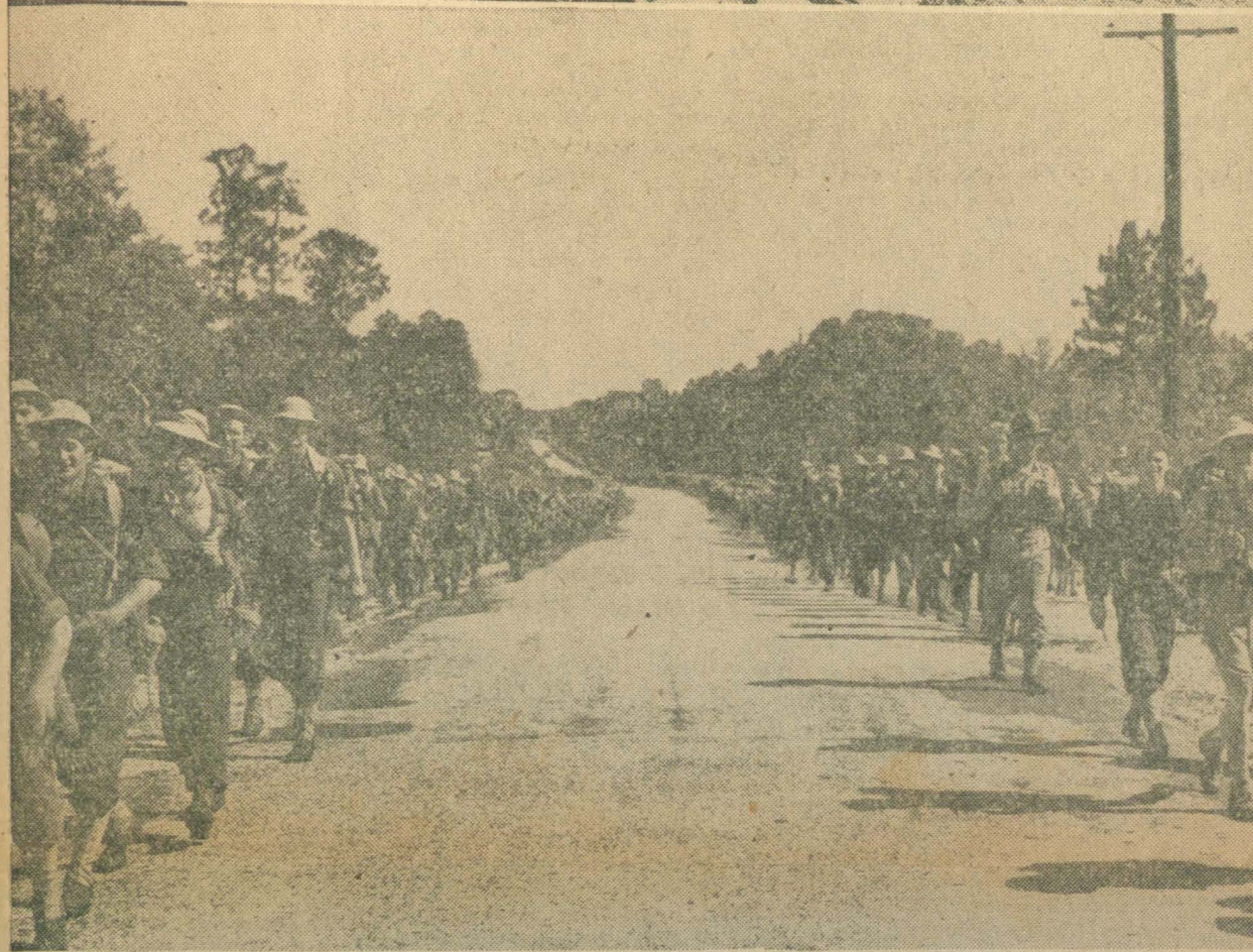
This session ends, as is fitting, with the remark by Pfc. Vivian B. Lard, pilot of a weapons carrier for Co. A, 156th Inf. Says the driver during his tour of Ocala National Forest: "This is the best march I ever simulated."

CROSS WORD PUZZLE ANSWER

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# And Can They Take It---



Men of the Dixie Division Infantry Regiments made the 60-mile march to Ocala National Forest in stride like veterans. Pictured above are some march scenes illustrating the casual manner in which they marched along as well as the wit prevalent all along the line of march. Upper left soldiers of the 124th keep abreast of the news during a "break." One man of the 124th strolled along reading a magazine to break the monotony (upper right.) the lower left picture shows the 156th Infantry stretched along the highway and deep in the background around a curve. A 156th-infantryman wit displays a sign, "Ocala or Bust," significant of the spirit that prevailed along the entire divisional column (lower right).

## Red Cross Names Twelve Soldiers As Instructors

Captain Ben Hudson, Athletic and Recreation Director for the 31st Division, announced this week that twelve Dixie soldiers qualified as Water Safety Instructors after taking courses under the supervision of the American Red Cross.

Private Richard W. Rummell, Jr., Company I, 124th Infantry, was cited for being an outstanding member of the class and an excellent water safety instructor. The Infantryman has attended two of the Red Cross's summer National Aquatic Schools and was a life saving instructor at Stetson University, Florida, and for three years was waterfront director at Camp Transylvania, Brevard, N. C.

Another trainee who won distinction was Pvt. Thomas B. Price, Company G, 124th Infantry, a graduate of Ohio State University and a former swimming instructor at Catawba Cliffs Beach Club, Port Clinton, Ohio.

Others who qualified were Pvt. Charles A. Boyes, Med. Det., Special Troops; Pvt. Calvin C. Chalker, Jr., Btry. F, 117th F. A.; Corp. Charles P. Hand, Btry. C, 116th F. A.; Sgt. Chester P. Irby, Jr., Hq. Btry., 1st Bn., 114th F. A.; Pvt. Robert K. Johns, Co. B, 106th Engrs.; Pvt. Thomas R. Markham, Btry. E, 116th F. A.; Pvt. Jack Roper Co. H, 167th Inf.; Pvt. Albert Thibodeaux, Co. B, 156th Inf.; Pvt. Robert Wolf, 106th Ordnance Co., Special Troops; and Pvt. Murphy Young, Co. G, 155th Inf.

Three men who qualified as Senior Life Savers were privates Pershing Chassaniol, Hq. Btry, 114th F. A.; James E. Daly, Co. I, 155th Inf.; and Fred D. Kynard, Co. C, 167th Inf.

## Soldier Has Re-Union On Ocala March

The move to Ocala this week was a holiday for at least one soldier of the 124th Infantry. The line of march carried the Division foot troops directly past the home of Mess Sergeant Eunice Watts of Company L, of that regiment.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Watts, father and mother of the soldier and their family had supper with the soldiers of Company L on the lakeshore of their private lake, where the Watts had given permission for the soldiers to bivouac for the night. Mr. and Mrs. Watts have reared five sons who have served their country with the armed forces, only two of them remaining with the army now. One is now stationed in the Panama Canal Zone.

Skinner Lake, the one mentioned above, is one of the thousand beautiful little bodies of water soldiers found all along the line of march to Ocala National Forest. The Watts say there is plenty of fishing to be done in the lake and soldiers attest that here's plenty of good swimming here too.

## Marine-Soldier Will Compete For Honors

Private Joel C. Windham of Battery D, 117th Field Artillery would like to compare notes with First Sergeant James L. McHaffey of Co. D, 156th Infantry. Both are former Marines and thinks Pvt. Windham, he could run close competition for "travel honors."

A few weeks ago an article appeared in the Dixie dealing with the many places Sgt. McHaffey had served during his enlistment in the Marines. Now the Private, from Cochran, Ala., bangs away on a long list of places he served, merely en route to Shanghai, China, where his real base was to be. They add up to twelve places and he made a "return engagement" or, that is, he returned to the States via the same route and served at the same places. While in Shanghai his company did duty as protectors of the International Settlement there during some pretty hot times. The private enlisted in the Marines in 1928 and did all this in four years.

## 167th Men Dance At End Of March

Contrary to expectations the men of the 167th Infantry were obviously not as exhausted Monday night as they might have been. Judging from the terpsichore displayed under the trees as the regimental band swung out on popular numbers, they could have walked miles farther. The band played an dthe men danced, with male partners, for more than an hour.

## Big Plans For

(Continued from page one) charge of the formation, and Col. O. W. McNeese, Public Relations and Morale Officer, was the speaker.

Three companies of the 2nd Battalion of the 106th Medical Regiment were conveyed to Fort Myers, where over 200 men and more than 60 ambulances helped the citizens of that town in their celebration of Independence Day. Major Clack D. Hopkins, Division Medical Sanitation Officer, headed the delegation.

Every city to which the Dixie men journeyed had special amusement and recreational activities in their honor. In addition to dancing and bathing, the men attended baseball games, rodeos, horse races and other sports attractions.

## Rittler Believes; Wears Gas Mask

Private first class Louis Rittler, Company D, 106th Medical Regiment is a very believing soul. He went to bed on the maneuver with a report of an impending gas attack ringing in his ears. When friends rushed by in the middle of the night mumbling through masks about the gas attack being on hand, Rittler grabbed his mask and crawled back into his bunk. His gas mask was still on in the morning but there had been, of course, no gas attack.

## 156th Officer Weds

Lt. Karl Stoelting, dentist of the 156th Infantry recently married Miss Louise Canton, of Marion, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain Story of the Louisiana regiment. The couple are making their home in Gainesville.

## 117th Soldiers Play While On March

Members of the 117th Field Artillery find many ways in which to spend their leisure time while on maneuvers. Among the past-times being used by the Alabamians during their rest periods on Monday of the three day march to Ocala National Forest were softball, baseball, pepper and catch, swimming, bridge, checkers, dominos and horseshoes.

## Give 'Em Water They Will Swim

Lead a soldier to water and be sure he will swim. From Monday afternoon right up to the time the men left the bivouac area for the holiday week-end, the spacious Florida lakes proved irresistible lures for the Dixie Divisioners. Hundreds of the troops engaged in the swimming, and were thankful that the Division Command had selected camping sites so close to the water areas.

To complete the aquatic tour, soldiers by the hundreds disported themselves at the attractive Florida beaches—Daytona, Jacksonville, St. Augustine and even Miami—on Friday through Sunday. Now if the Louisiana maneuver area could be as bountiful in spots for swimming—it won't be a bad summer.

## No Bed Of Roses But Just As Good

They might not have been beauty rest mattresses, but tired members of the 155th Infantry Regiment were grateful to 1st Lieutenant Melchior and 1st Sgt. Marvin Jeter who arranged to have a big pile of straw near the company street to make sleeping on the ground more comfortable.

## FILIPINOS LEAVE NATIVE ISLES TO COOK FOR DIVISION CHIEFS

Far away from their native land, but liking the United States and their job of cooking for the Commanding General and Chief of Staff of the Dixie Division are Marciano Anteola and Private Eddie Camus of the Philippine Islands, messmen extraordinary for Major General John C. Persons an Colonel Frederick W. Manley.

Galley Seven

Anteola, chief cook, is not an enlisted man, but has been attached to Col. Manley for eight years, serving the Chief of Staff in Maryland, St. Augustine and in the Philippines before moving with the Colonel to Camp Blanding. His home is in Luzon, and Colonel Manley considers him the best cook in the land.

His assistant, Pvt. Camus, enlisted in the armed forces a year and a half ago, coming to Camp Blanding with the 156th Infantry Headquarters Company. Born in Cebu, Philippine Islands, he has been in this country for 17 years, during which time he spent many years in California and served as cook for Mae West and other Hollywood notables.

## Hot Hat Takes Place Of Well Known Hot-Foot

The Hot Hat has replaced the Hot Foot as a gag, according to Private Cy Brown of the 31st Signal Company. The advance troops were at their bivouac area no longer than half an hour when Brown sounded the "fire" alarm, only to discover that one of his mates had deposited a burning cigarette on his blue denim cap. Private Brown, a considerate fellow, sounded his alarm at the press section's tent, thus bringing the story to the reporter, a courtesy well appreciated by the Press in the early morning.

## Louisiana Men Given Lift When Band Began To Play

Among the many inspirational happenings of the Ocala march was the "lift" given to Louisiana Infantrymen of the 156th Infantry regiment as they marched the last few hundred yards into their bivouac area. As the regimental band swung into "Every Man A King," the theme song of former Governor and Senator Huey Long, the faces of the tired and weary soldiers lighted up with pride, and they put everything they had into the last paces. Stepping high, with arms swinging, and replacing their tired looks with that of contentment, they moved into their area in perfect step. Other numbers played by the band included the new regimental song "Men of The 156th" and the ever-inspirational "Dixie".

## No Sissies These—Have Wild Mascot

Not content to have a mere domesticated animal for a mascot, Anti-Tank Co., 167th Inf., has a real, live, wild fox for the company pet.

"We named him 'anti,' short for anti-tank gun, something we don't have," Pvt. Luther McSheridan, capturer of the fox explained.

## Another Company Has Emergency Fund

Battery A of the 117th Field Artillery has added its name to the growing list of companies and detachments of the Division who have organized "emergency funds." These are to aid soldiers who need money urgently and quickly, due to some emergency out of their control, has to go home or any deserving cause. The money is repaid by the soldier out of his next pay check, without interest.

## 124th Band Plays For Commanding Gen.

Tuesday evening the 124th Infantry Band, led by Warrant officer Don Egan, entertained for Commanding General John C. Persons, his staff of officers and hundreds of men who were attracted to the scene by the stirring music, both band and popular.

Accordionist Eddie Bennett, formerly featured at Miami's Pad-dock Club, was one of the hits of the evening, and Max Kries, soloist singer, also was well received by an appreciative audience.

## Florist Turned "Farmer" in Army

Private Buddy Hill of Headquarters battery, 116th Field Artillery, was a florist in civilian life, working for the Tropical Florist Shop in St. Petersburg. Evidently, there is no place in the army for a florist, but Lt. Col. W. E. Jones, of Tampa, 116th Executive officer, thought he had a job almost as good when he put Hill wonders if the colonel mis-read "florist" as "farmer" on the classification card.

## Softball Teams Play On March

Monday afternoon at Keystone Heights the Forward and Rear Echelon softball teams engaged in a double header, with the latter aggregation coming out on top in both contests by 5-2 and 7-2 scores. The first game was of regulation length and the second limited to seven innings.

Sergeant Hall of the Division Medical Detachment and Sgt. Ellisor of the Chemical Warfare Department formed the battery for the Forward Echelonites, while Private Kopf and Sgt. Perez of Headquarters Company, Special Troops did the heavy duty for the winners. Private Charles Pine of the Medical Detachment was the batting star with two four-baggers to his credit.

## New Hats, More Caps For Medicos

Hats, caps, hats, caps, and more hats and caps. That's what the Medicos are bemoaning these days. Many of the boys were eagerly awaiting more clothes last week when the call went out that equipment was going to be distributed. But what did the boys get? You guessed it. It was another hat—that new-fangled collegiate, Eton College khaki hat.

## Mad Bull Chases 124th Lieutenant

Lt. Frank Crowe, recreation officer of the 124th Infantry regiment, displayed exceptional agility and presence of mind in sprinting for the nearest fence when an enraged bull made for the officer, as the latter was cutting across a field to join his organization. The officer's speed and the fence were too much for the bull, who retired in disorder—as did the lieutenant.



## EIGHTEEN ARMY ARMS, SERVICES HAVE DIVERSIFIED FUNCTIONS

### Weapons and Methods of Combat Peculiar to Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery All Work Together

The eight arms and ten services of the United States Army have diversified functions peculiar to each unit of organization. These many functions are included below for the benefit of those not familiar with all of them.

The Infantry is essentially the arm of close combat. It can drive the enemy out of position, occupy the ground it has seized, and defend it against hostile counterattack. Its principal weapons are the rifle with bayonet and the machine gun (both light and heavy). In addition it is equipped with grenades (hand and rifle) mortars and anti-tank weapons.

Infantry is capable of independent action, but usually it requires the support of artillery or other arms in overcoming hostile resistance.

Infantry can move in any kind of terrain; its operative mobility can be greatly increased by the use of motor transport.

Cavalry is classified as horse cavalry and mechanized cavalry. Cavalry is characterized by a high degree of mobility; its special value is derived from the rapidity and ease with which power can be displaced from one position to another.

Horse cavalry is equipped with weapons similar to those of the Infantry. It habitually maneuvers mounted; it ordinarily fights on foot. Dismounted it has the same capabilities as Infantry. The distinctive characteristic of cavalry is rapid cross country mobility under practically all conditions of time, weather or terrain. Mechanized cavalry is equipped with armed reconnaissance and fighting vehicles and is armed with a high percentage of automatic weapons.

Units consisting partly of mechanized reconnaissance units, partly horse portee (carried in trucks), take full advantage of both types of mobility possessed by cavalry in order to execute missions of reconnaissance, counter-reconnaissance and security for large units.

All cavalry units are also equipped with armored reconnaissance vehicles which are armed as well as armored.

Field Artillery is an arm of relatively long range combat. Its principal weapon is the cannon, and fire is its sole means of combat. Artillery fire possesses great power of destruction, neutralization and high degree of flexibility which can be controlled by the commander to influence the battle.

The Field Artillery has two principal missions in combat: (1) It supports the Infantry and Cavalry by fire, engaging those targets which are most dangerous to the supported arms. (2) It gives depth to combat by counter-battery fire, by attacking hostile reserves, and by dislocating the enemy's communication system and agencies of command.

The Coast Artillery Corps has two principal missions: (1) To attack hostile naval vessels by means of artillery fire and submarine mines. (2) To combat hostile aircraft by means of fire from the ground.

Seacoast artillery comprises all the artillery, whether fixed or mobile, employed against hostile naval vessels. Mobile seacoast artillery comprises railway artillery, truck-drawn and tractor-drawn artillery. Mobile artillery employed with seacoast artillery includes truck-drawn anti-aircraft artillery.

Antiaircraft artillery, is equipped with anti-aircraft guns, automatic cannon, machine guns, searchlight, detectors, and material required for observation, fire control and communication. These means of anti-aircraft defense are combined in mobile and

### Moustaches Unbecoming So Off They're Coming

This is a moustache story. 1st Sgt. A. L. Disney, Sgt. Philbert Boles, Pvt. Tom Beauchamp among others started a moustache fad in Company D, 167th Inf. The history of the three moustache leaders readily explains why the fad was short lived.

Sgt. Boles was the first to give in when he went home to see his girl after boasting that no one would make him shave off his upper lip decoration. His nerve failed him, however, when he dressed for his date and he saw his girl sans moustache.

No one knows what happened to Beauchamp's cultivation but it also disappeared under mysterious circumstances.

Sgt. Disney is the die hard. His masculine vanity is giving him plenty of trouble. Tuesday night Lt. Wm. D. Roby with some willing assistance took a razor to the sergeant's upper lip and shaved away. When they let the sergeant up his hand flew to his lip and he was amazed no end to discover the moustache still there. The razor didn't have a blade in it.

### Shoe Thief Leaves Bewildered Private

They made things rather difficult for Private Wilmer Faquier, of Company E, 156th Infantry on the first stage of the Ocala trek. His only pair of shoes, size 9, disappeared and a pair of eight and a half's were left in the former's stead. The Louisiana soldier, undaunted, walked half the distance in the small shoes and finished the day's hike without any shoes.

### Goes To Bed On Litter—New Use

Corporal Henry Guillot of Company A of the 106th Medical Regiment, who calls New Orleans his home, has found a new use for a litter (stretcher to you.) He never goes to bed unless it's on one, high above the dewy ground. His company mates have let out a little secret, however. Corporal Guillot doesn't like snakes, and as yet he hasn't found one which will climb up into a litter.

semi-mobile regiments. For specific tasks these means are combined in the gun, the automatic weapon, or the machine operated battalion. Such battalions are mobile or semi-mobile units.

Seacoast artillery is organized tactically into groups and groupments. Geographically, seacoast artillery is organized into harbor defense commands and these in turn into districts.

Note: The functions of the Air Corps, Corps of Engineers, Signal Corps, Chemical Warfare Service, Quartermaster Corps, Medical Department, Ordnance Department and the various staffs will be given in next week's article.

## LOAD 'EM UP



Pictured above is a typical rolling canteen, one of which accompanied each regiment. The soldiers swarmed about these stores on wheels to purchase, tobacco, cold drinks, candy and other snacks.

## CAPTAIN FINDS FAMILIAR GROUNDS FOR MANEUVER

To most officers of the division, the blotch on their field maps marked "Beulah Church" suggests an ideal place to deploy a company; or when the situation is reversed and the order is "retreat," to reconnoiter the area carefully before entering. But Captain William J. Thomas, Service Company, 124th Infantry, feels traces of nostalgia each time his unit bivouacs in the sector; he is reminded of other times, other days, when the program was "Church, the uniform, 'shoes'—on Sunday.

Captain Thomas was born, and spent much of his youth, quite near the old church, currently used as a maneuver area. Many of his relatives are buried in the cemetery a few paces from its now decaying portals. He recalls many tales passed on to him by them concerning community folk and wars—not "mock"—with Spanish and Indians supplying forces.

One that he tells has a beginning dating back perhaps to the early 16th century. In fact, Middleboro, the town concerned and also familiar to maneuver-goers, is claimed by some to be older than St. Augustine. It was first settled by the Dutch, who sailed up the Black Creek, yet navigable in this area, and later fairly thickly populated by immigrants brought over from Europe. The story goes that the new-comers had to work for as many as five years in payment for their passage over upon arrival on these shores.

At one time the town was used by pirates as a hideaway. The custom was to sail up the river and deposit their treasures in the many natural hiding places in the swamp. When the town became populated they sought less known parts and the Dutch continued to be the dominant race. As close at hand as fifty years back the populace wore wooden shoes.

Captain Thomas, almost a life-long resident of this section, served in the Navy during the first World War. His ship was the S. S. America, which weathered many crossings.

### Chaplain And Dentist Join Soldiers In March

The march of the 155th Infantry Regiment to Ocala served as a challenge to at least two officers who were not required to make the jaunt. Lt. William H. Smith, dentist, and Chaplain Joseph Keiper entered the ranks on Tuesday morning determined to make the trip with the men and made it.

Lt. Williams said the walk was wonderful. He commented: "I can appreciate the spirit of these men. You know walking is in the heart, and not the feet."

Chaplain Keiper when asked why he walked with the men replied, "I might just as well train myself to do it now, because I may have to do it in the future."

### Artillerymen Walk 20 Miles To Win Bet

Three artillerymen, all members of Headquarters 1st Battery, 116th F. A., walked twenty miles to win a wager that they could hike as far as members of the 155th Regiment. It seems that members of their battery claimed that the artillery is too soft to make the trip. Said Sergeant Tom Johnson, Sam Richardson and Corporal Peacock: "We can make the trip." Late Tuesday afternoon they were seen trudging in front of Mississippi troops marching the infantry stride for stride.

## NOT ALL WORK



Each night the men of the division had bathing facilities, which they enjoyed probably more than any other one thing on the entire march. Soldiers of the 106th Engineers are shown washing both themselves and their clothes in Santa Fe Lake.

### Three Regiments Join When Prayer Is Said

Officers and men of three regiments, the 155th, 116th, and the 117th, were deeply impressed Tuesday night when several hundred men gathered in the 155th bivouac area and recited the Lord's Prayer at the end of a Pep program. Chaplain James Sandlin conducted the ceremonies, leading the men in the devotion.

Chaplain Joseph Keiper directed the men in the singing of the 155th's favorite tune, "Dixie."

The informal program provided many laughs for the tired soldiers. Troops from other units were asked to participate in stunts and acts directed by Chaplain Sandlin. The Blue Moods, dance orchestra of the 155th played several numbers and also played several of the men sang many of the familiar fireside songs.

### Dixie Staff Men Take Care of Reporters

The Ocala maneuver drew its share of visiting newspaper men who covered the movements of the troops, messing and sleeping with them in the bivouac areas. Among the "press soldiers" were Red Kerco of the Florida Times-Union and Bill Abbott of the Tampa Times.

A special tent was set up for the visiting press at each bivouac stop, with Privates W. C. Goff, circulation manager of the Dixie, and George H. Siegel, staff member, acting as their guides from their office at the commanding general's post. Further service for the Camp Blanding men was assured when the Jacksonville Journal added two extra men to facilitate the delivery of papers to Dixie Division soldiers.

### They Don't Know How He Does It

All of the non-commissioned officers of Company I, 167th Infantry, were particularly anxious to have everyone observe that Sgt. Willard Clegg was smoking cigarettes.

For approximately three weeks a company spokesman explained, Sgt. Clegg has been unable to purchase cigarettes. The spokesman further pointed out that the sergeant's girl friend has been in Camp Blanding for the same length of time. Any connection may be purely coincidental.

### Girl "Robs Cradle"; Dates First Sergeant

The boys of Company I, 167th Infantry are having a good laugh on First Sergeant Charles Fleming. Sgt. Carlisle Minor of the same outfit had the audacity to date the top-kick's girl friend. To add insult to injury he returned from Jacksonville quoting the girl in question as saying:

"Carlisle, honey, I've a confession to make. I've been robbing the cradle. I've been dating Sgt. Charles Fleming."

### New Barber Methods

The Dixie Division men on their first few days of the maneuver to Ocala found many new places and new ways to barber themselves, and perhaps the most novel barber shop was established at Skinner Lake on Tuesday, where the Special Troops members shaved each other, using a large log for the chair and the lake water for the necessary liquid.

## Former News Boy Now Tech. Sgt.

Before coming into the Army Technical Sergeant Lazard Katz of New Orleans sold newspapers for twenty five years on the corner of St. Charles and Gravier Streets back home. He's now with Company A of the 106th Medical regiment, but he hopes this new job isn't going to last for another twenty five years. Katz is learning fast, and he now can tell you more about collecting and clearing medical stations than he can about the latest newspaper headlines.

## Hot-Foot Overtakes Sun-Tanning Sergeant

Sgt. Boggs of Battery A, 117th Field Artillery was very intent on getting a complete sun-tan recently. So intent was he that he stripped and donned swimming trunks and carried himself lightly to the lake, swam an exposed his skin to old sol in general, for hours and hours. He succeeded in getting something of a tan, all right. But the Sgt. overlooked what turned out to be a very important item. As a result he hobbles, now, and will until the two blistered soles of his feet are cured. Seems he walked either too fast or on too much pavement.

## Fire Works Set Off By Medical Men

A premature Fourth of July celebration was held Monday night around a bonfire built by Company D of the 106th Medical Regiment. Even fire-works were there. Captain Clarence Bishop and Second Lieutenant O. C. McDavid saw to that. The captain and lieutenant spent most of the night setting fireworks of under their respective persons. They also managed to keep the enlisted men hopping from tree to tree. The noise was so loud that you could not even hear the mosquitos hum. Once Lieutenant McDavid was sure he was gassed, as the fire-crackers' fumes curled about him.

## And They Thought They Had It Rough!

The Medicos now know that they have something to be thankful for. After completing a 26-mile journey—by trucks—the Medicos lined the road to see the infantrymen go by at the end of their journey—by foot! As the boys walked by resolutely, the 156th band played peppy tunes. A cheering sight was a lieutenant in the 124th Infantry carrying a private's pack, with the private holding up as well as he could on the right side his officer. The boy wanted to finish the march in spite of anything, and the lieutenant saw to it that he did!

## 116th F. A. Soldier Leaves For West Point

Private John O. McElvey of Battery F, 115th Field Artillery received an honorable discharge "for the convenience of the government" Saturday and was appointed to the West Point Military Academy. McElvey, 20, a resident of Winter Haven, Florida, is a federalized National Guardsman who has been at Camp Blanding since November 25. Last year he attended the West Point preparatory school at Fort McPherson, Georgia.

## Good Looking Company Street, They Say

Another claimant of the best looking company street in the division is Company E of the 156th Infantry. The Eplian State boys area is of white limestone; they have installed street lights over the area and their tennis and badminton courts are also lighted.

## Keeping Up With The World



"And you'd whistle too," says Sergeant Marvin Jeter, Headquarters Company, 155th Infantry. It is brought about—the sharp release of air—when the Sgt. departs a moment from field-fun to—well you can read.

## Roughing—The Easy Way



"Buzz me in bed" is the general idea Pvt. Gorge Muhall of Division Signal Company conveys in this picture. Calls were few and far between at his post so the soldier rigged up this hammock from his shelter half using telephone wire for rope.